



Artist Biography



Rodney Adams

DOB: 8/07/1975

Language/s: Yindjibarndi

Country: Millstream/Tableland

Biography

Rodney Adams began his painting journey in 2021 and has since established himself as a prolific and much-loved artist at Yinjaa-Barni Art Centre. Rodney skillfully portrays the rich history and colours of his country, the Pilbara region of Western Australia, through his evocative paintings. As a Yindjibarndi man, Adams possesses a deep connection to his land, which serves as the wellspring of inspiration for his captivating artworks.

Born and raised in the heart of the Pilbara, from an early age, Rodney was immersed in the stories of his land and the knowledge of country passed down through generations. This deep-rooted connection laid the foundation for his artistic journey.

Rodney paints his country from his memory and the images etched in his mind. He carefully maps the landscape out as he remembers it from his childhood. Many of the places he depicts have since been disturbed by mining or have been destroyed by cyclones and the harsh Pilbara weather. His ability to capture the essence of these places on canvas is to be admired. A secret blend of Pilbara earth behind all his works gives them a lovely texture and colour also.

Rodney has won numerous art awards and has now held two solo shows at Chalk Horse Gallery.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024** Chalk Horse Gallery Solo Show - Remembering Country
- 2022** Chalk Horse Gallery Solo Show- My Childhood Memories

Group Exhibitions

- 2023** Midwest Art Prize Finalist Exhibition
- 2023** Cossack Art Awards
- 2023** Colours of our Country (Resident Artist)

Awards

- 2023** Midwest Art Prize Finalist
- 2023** Cossack Art Awards Highly Commended Pilbara Indigenous Category

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